

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

- 1 1. A plurality of metal bumps for connecting a  
2 nonconducting substrate and a chip, comprising:  
3 at least a first metal bump having a first sidewall,  
4 the first sidewall comprising a first predetermined area;  
5 and  
6 at least a second metal bump having a second sidewall,  
7 the second sidewall comprising a second predetermined area  
8 adjacent to the first predetermined area;  
9 wherein at least the first predetermined area is  
10 covered with an insulating layer.
- 1 2. The plurality of metal bumps of claim 1, wherein the  
2 second predetermined area is covered with an insulating  
3 layer.
- 1 3. The plurality of metal bumps of claim 1, wherein the  
2 second sidewall further comprises a third predetermined area  
3 outside the second predetermined area, and the third  
4 predetermined area is covered with an insulating layer.

1 4. The plurality of metal bumps of claim 1, wherein the  
2 first sidewall is completely covered with an insulating  
3 layer.

1 5. The plurality of metal bumps of claim 1, wherein the  
2 first sidewall and the second sidewall are both completely  
3 covered with an insulating layer.

1 6. The plurality of metal bumps of claim 1, wherein the  
2 nonconducting substrate comprises a plurality of first metal  
3 pads, and the chip comprises a plurality of second metal  
4 pads which correspond to the first metal pads.

1 7. The plurality of metal bumps of claim 6, wherein each  
2 metal bump is fixed between the first metal pad and the  
3 correspondent second metal pad.

1 8. The plurality of metal bumps of claim 1, wherein the  
2 space between two adjacent metal bumps that are sandwiched  
3 by the nonconducting substrate and the chip is filled with  
4 an anisotropic conductive film (ACF).

1 9. The plurality of metal bumps of claim 1, wherein the  
2 insulating layer is made of silicon oxide or silicon  
3 nitride.

1 10. The plurality of metal bumps of claim 1, wherein the  
2 nonconducting substrate is a glass substrate.

1 11. A method of forming a plurality of metal bumps,  
2 comprising:

3 (a)providing a chip whose surface comprises a plurality  
4 of metal pads;

5 (b)forming a photoresist layer on the chip;

6 (c)performing an etching process to remove the  
7 photoresist layer covering the metal pad so as to form a  
8 hole that exposes the metal pad;

9 (d)filling the hole with a metal layer;

10 (e)completely removing the remaining photoresist layer;

11 (f)depositing an insulating layer on the chip to cover  
12 the metal layer; and

13 (g)performing an anisotropic dry etching process to  
14 remove the insulating layer positioned on the top of the  
15 metal layer and on the surface of the chip so as to leave  
16 the insulating layer positioned on the sidewall of the metal  
17 layer.

1 12. The method of claim 11, wherein the metal layer is made  
2 of Au.

1 13. The method of claim 11, wherein the insulating layer is  
2 made of silicon oxide or silicon nitride.

1 14. The method of claim 11, wherein the anisotropic dry  
2 etching process is a reactive ion etching (RIE) method.

1 15. The method of claim 11, wherein the metal bump is used  
2 for connecting the chip with a nonconducting substrate, and  
3 the space between two adjacent metal bumps is filled with an  
4 anisotropic conductive film (ACF).

1 16. A method of forming a plurality of metal bumps,  
2 comprising:

3 (a)providing a chip whose surface comprises a plurality  
4 of metal pads;

5 (b)forming a photoresist layer on the chip;

6 (c)performing a first etching process to removing the  
7 photoresist layer that covers the surface and periphery of  
8 the metal pad so as to form a first hole that exposes the  
9 metal pad;

10 (d)depositing an insulating layer on the chip to fill  
11 the first hole;

12 (e)performing a second etching process to remove the  
13 insulating layer positioned on the surface of the metal pad

14 and remain the insulating layer positioned on the sidewall  
15 of the first hole, and thereby a second hole is formed;  
16 (f)filling the second hole with a metal layer; and  
17 (g)removing the remaining photoresist layer.

1 17. The method of claim 16, wherein the metal layer is made  
2 of Au.

1 18. The method of claim 16, wherein the insulating layer is  
2 made of silicon oxide or silicon nitride.

1 19. The method of claim 16, wherein the metal bump is used  
2 for connecting the chip with a nonconducting substrate and  
3 the space between two adjacent metal bumps is filled with an  
4 anisotropic conductive film (ACF).